



FROM THE FIELD

*Utah residents' quality of life relies on the active management and protection of diverse natural resources. The **From the Field** newsletter by the Department of Natural Resources provides a snapshot of current department initiatives, developments and trends impacting Utah.*

Application for proposed Utah Lake Restoration Project canceled



The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) has issued a Record of Decision notifying Lake Restoration Solutions, Inc. (LRS), that its current application for the proposed Utah Lake Restoration Project will be canceled. Because the pending application considers the disposal of land that would impede navigation and permanently transfer sovereign lands to private parties, violating the public trust that is constitutionally imposed on these lands, the division determined that cancellation of the pending application is appropriate and required.

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Interagency wildfire fuel treatments in Parleys Canyon to address watershed health



The multi-agency treatment of wildfire fuels (mulching) in Parleys Canyon will continue with mechanical treatments beginning on Oct. 11 on the south side of I-80. It will continue up to Lambs

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Water is key to the electric future



From datacenters to electric cars and bicycles, the demand for electricity continues to rise at a time when environmental concerns demand cleaner methods of electricity generation. Water rights are front and center in the march towards a brighter future.

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The Utah Office of Energy Development is seeking an Energy Pathways intern



The Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) is seeking an Energy Pathways Intern to join the State Energy Program (SEP) team. The intern will help advance energy initiatives throughout the state of Utah via education, collaboration, research, and outreach. OED's mission is to advance Utah's energy and mineral economy to ensure affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for Utahns by supporting the Governor's vision of energy in the state.

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The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office cohosts 4th Free-roaming Equid Summit



The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) recently worked with Utah State University and the Free Roaming Equids and Ecosystem Sustainability Network (FREES) to host the 4th Free-roaming Equid Summit in St. George, Utah. In summary, "With last minute registrations it looks we will top 170 participants, of which 130 were on site and 40 online. To some these numbers may appear faint. But as I looked at the registrations and interacted with participants, we

organizations represented). Our focus was on diversity and inclusion, with a theme of community connections. We created a safe place where all could freely express their concerns and opinions." —Dr. Terry Messmer, Utah State University

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Governor, First Lady and Lt. Governor join Bison Roundup



The 36th Annual Bison Roundup was hosted at Antelope Island State Park on October 29. Approximate 750 bison were driven to the corals where they later went through health screenings and vaccinations. The Bison Roundup is a primary tool utilized to help ensure the continued health of one of the nation's largest and oldest public bison herds.

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Division of Facilities Construction and Management adopts waterwise techniques

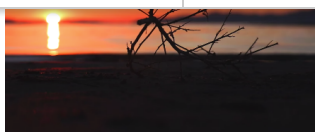


The Utah Division Water Resources teamed up with the Utah Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM) and Utah State University to complete cup tests on properties in order to determine rate of application on state properties. This project — and others like it — confirm that grounds

supervisors and staff at DFCM are leading by example and showing that the State of Utah is a responsible steward of water resources.

Utah Board of Water Resources celebrates 75th anniversary

Recently, the Utah Board of Water Resources celebrated its 75th anniversary at the Utah State Capitol. From dam development and upgrades, to water data

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protect Utah's water. During the celebration a video was shown recapping some of the current and past projects the board has funded over the past 75 years.

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